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d) said moisture-permeable container essentially maintains the moisture absorption rate of the solid water absorbing particles contained therein, the moisture-permeable container acting to separate the solid water absorbing particles from the highly moisture-sensitive device.

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Please amend Claim 5 as set forth below:

5. (Once Amended) A desiccant package useable for protecting highly moisture-sensitive electronic devices sealed within an enclosure, comprising:

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a) solid water absorbing particles of one or more materials in a moisture-permeable binder;

b) said solid water absorbing particles including solid particles of one or more materials, at least one of such materials having an average particle size in a range of 0.001 to less than 0.1 micrometers to provide a high rate of water absorption and to provide an equilibrium minimum humidity level lower than a humidity level to which the device is sensitive within the sealed enclosure; and

c) said binder being adapted to essentially maintain or enhance the moisture absorption rate of the solid water absorbing particles contained therein, the binder being in solid or liquid phase or dissolved in a liquid.

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Please amend Claim 15 as set forth below:

15. (Once Amended) A desiccant useable for protecting highly moisture-sensitive electronic devices sealed within an enclosure, comprising:

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a) solid water absorbing particles of one or more materials in a moisture-permeable binder on a support;

b) said solid water absorbing particles including solid particles of one or more materials, at least one of such materials having an average particle size in a range of 0.001 to less than 0.1 micrometers to provide a high rate of water absorption and to provide an equilibrium minimum humidity level lower

than a humidity level to which the device is sensitive within the sealed enclosure;  
and

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c) said binder being adapted to reduce degradation of or  
enhance the moisture absorption rate of the solid water absorbing particles  
contained therein, the binder being in solid or liquid phase or dissolved in a liquid.

Please amend claim 25 as set forth below:

25. (Once Amended) A desiccant, comprising material  
including at least in part solid particles of one or more materials, at least one of  
such materials having an average particle size in a range of 0.001 to less than 0.1  
micrometers to provide a high rate of water absorption and to provide an  
equilibrium minimum humidity level lower than a humidity level to which a  
highly moisture sensitive electronic device is sensitive within a sealed enclosure.

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